Roads in Rajasthan

549. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Rajasthan had proposed for 18 State roads as new National Highways;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the said proposals;

(c) if so, by when the said roads would be officially declared as National Highways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Rajasthan had proposed conversion of 25 State roads into National Highways.

(b) to (d) All the proposals received from the State Government of Rajasthan for declaration of State roads as new Naticnai Highways have been returned to State Government. There is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints.

Collection of toll tax

550. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that travellers are being burdened with development as well as maintenance of roads as they have to pay exorbitant toll tax on various Highways and Express ways;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to device a method to collect reasonable toll tax on various Highways;

(c) whether Government have received number of proposals from various organisations diging to minimise the collection of toll tax; and